

REMARKS

Previously, claims 1-5 were pending. After applicant has reviewed the office action from the examiner, the claims have been amended. In this office action, claims 1-5 are withdrawn and claims 6-11 are added.

The claims of this application have been amended so as to focus more accurately upon the subject matter of this invention comprising a retractable umbrella oriented upwardly and stored within a housing mounted upon the roof of an automobile.

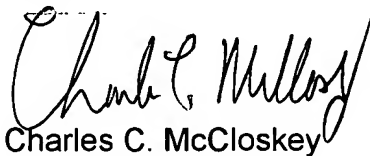
The reference to Nakayama, Pat. No. 6,425,623, discloses a retractable visor mounted upon a vehicle roof and extended down the windshield. The '623 patent teaches a spring loaded visor pulled forward on cables mounted to the hood of the vehicle. Also, the '623 patent discloses an arcuate visor contained within a complementary shaped housing. The arcuate visor rotates down towards the windshield.

In contrast, the present invention has an umbrella that extends from a housing under motor or manual control. The umbrella lacks cables connected to the hood. The umbrella does not wind upon a roller as in one embodiment of the '623 patent. The umbrella attains an arcuate shape directed upwardly from the windshield. The umbrella stores flat within the housing when not in use. Further, the umbrella has opaque characteristics to block sunlight while the '623 patent has a generally transparent visor.

Further, the claims of this application as amended withstand the prior art as cited by the examiner, whether the prior art be applied individually, or in combination, for use for either anticipating or rendering obvious the claimed subject matter of the applicant's invention. Thus, obviousness cannot be established by combining teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention, absent some teaching, suggestion, or incentive supporting that combination. See the case of *In re Geiger*, 815 F2d. 686 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

All of the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action by the examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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